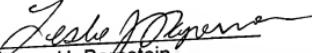


REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1, 11, 13, 17, and 23 have been amended and claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled, and no estoppel should be deemed to be associated with this amendment.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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